# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5696
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COMMITTEE ON RURAL POVERTY
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any Committee has been set up to determine the criteria for allocation of funds to States under major Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the main recommendations contained therein ; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) : In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the National Development Council(NDC) held on 19th February, 1999, a Committee of NDC was set upon the Criterion for Allocation of Funds under Major Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmesunder the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Members of theCommittee included Minister for Rural Development, Minister of State for Planning, ChiefMinisters of Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh with Member, Planning Commission as Member-Secretary of the Committee. The Terms of Reference of theCommittee was to work out the criterion for allocation of funds under the major rural poverty alleviation programmes in the Ninth Plan.

(c) to (e): A meeting of the NDC Committee was held on 12.01.2000 and there was aconsensus and agreement on continuation of the presently used criterion, i.e., 15 per cent adjusted shares as approved by the full Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister. However, some States made the observation that some incentive may beprovided to the States that had performed well in terms of poverty reduction. It was also noted that there were special needs and pockets of acute distress in some States and these issues also needed to be addressed. The Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission appreciatedtheir concern and agreed that such issues could be considered at the time of the formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Report of the NDC Committee would be placed before the next meeting of the NDC.